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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC/ UK FISHERIES DISPUTE

1. AMB KROYER ( ICELAND) MET WITH AMB PHILLIPS MAY 25 RE  
FISHERIES DISPUTE WITH UK ( MEMCON SEPTTEL). KROYER IS  
CONSULTING WITH ALL SC MEMBERS EXCEPT BRITISH.

2. KROYER MADE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING PIECE OF PAPER  
REQUESTING OUR VIEWS ON POSSIBLE SC RESOLUTION. HE EXPECTS  
US TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH BUT URGED US NOT TO SHARE WITH  
THEM PRECISE LANGUAGE HIS PIECE OF PAPER.

3. TEXT ICELANDIC PAPER FOLLOWS:

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ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1972 ICELAND EXTENDED HERE FISHERIES  
JURISDICTION FROM 12 OUT TO 50 MILES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS  
MEASURE WAS TO PROTECT THE COASTAL SPECIES OF FISH, SOME  
OF WHICH WERE IN DANGER OF BEING DEPLETED, AND TO GAIN

CONTROL OVER THE COUNTY'S MAIN NATURAL RESOURCE, THE COASTAL FISHERIES, WHICH ARE VITAL FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE ICELANDIC NATION.

ON 19 OF MAY LAST, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM DISPATCHED VESSELS OF THE ROYAL NAVY INTO ICELANDIC WATERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING BRITISH TRAWLERS ILLEGALLY FISHING WITHIN ICELANDIC JURISDICTION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND VIEWS THIS A HOSTILE ACT, IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT HAS, CONSEQUENTLY, UNDER CONSIDERATION AT PRESENT TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

IT WOULD THEREFORE BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND TO KNOW WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES COULD, IN THE COUNCIL, GIVE ITS SUPPORT TO A RESOLUTION CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING MAIN ELEMENTS IN THE OPERATIVE PART:

- (A) REQUEST THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH WAR-SHIPS FROM ICELANDIC WATERS.
- (B) REQUEST BOTH PARTIES TO CONTINUE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

NO MENTION WOULD BE MADE IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S RECOURSE TO THE HAGUE COURT, AS THE OTHER PARTY TO THE DISPUTE, VIZ. ICELAND, DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT IN THE MATTER.

NEW YORK, 24 MAY 1973

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